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To RALPH FREEMAN, *Esq*;

SIR,

IT is certainly the ſtrongeſt Inſtance of Friendſhip, when one Man tells another of his *Faults*. This Mark of my Regard I intend to give you in this Letter, which I hope, you will receive as kindly as I mean it; otherwiſe I ſhall loſe my *Paint* and my *Friend* too. Not to detain you with a long Preface, the Error of which I would admoniſh you is this; your Writings are too *grave*; too *grave*, ſay I, that am your *Friend*; *blunderingly*, *dull*, ſays the *Craftſman*, who is your *Enemy*, and *Competitor*. When your Friend and your Enemy agree in their Cenſure of your Works, you may be ſure their Cenſure is right, and therefore, good *Freeman*, be a little *gayer* for the future.

I know very well what, if I were preſent, you would urge in Excuſe: You would, doubtleſs, ſay that publick Affairs are things of a ſerious Nature, that an honeſt Man has always a great Concern for his Country, that Poſterity, as well as the preſent Age, muſt feel the Effects of our political Miſtakes. —— But, my Friend, all this won't do; you muſt change your Stile. The *Rivers*, as Mr. *Common Senſe* calls them, or, in plain *Engliſh*, the *Giglets*, are a very numerous Party, and at preſent *Patriots* to a Man; that is, in the modern Senſe of the Word, for the *Patriotiſm* of our Age is a *Joke*; it is *this* To-day, it is *that* To-morrow; and even the learned Mr. *Little Wit* himſelf does not know what it will be a Fortnight hence; but, whatever it is, you may be ſure it will be ridiculous, and that will be ſufficient to keep the *Giglets* firm, who will laugh you, or any other Man of Senſe out of Countenance, if you can't turn the *Joke* upon them.

In order to do this, I do not think it at all neceſſary for you to depart from your old Principles, for tho' it be true that publick Affairs ought always to be treated with Decency, yet I cannot apprehend that publick Enemies are to be uſed with Compliſance: There is always a Mixture of Folly in every Vice; you have nothing to do, but to attend to the Deſcription of that, and, in the Stile of theſe *Wits*, you will become merry and wiſe; *merry*, becauſe no Subject in the World affords a greater Fund of Mirth than *falſe Patriotiſm*; and *wiſe*, becauſe you will expoſe nothing but what deſerves to be expoſed.

HYPOCRISY, well expreſſed, will always excite *Laughter*; and pray what Hypocrite more conſpicuous than the *Pſeudo Patriot? Claudio* ſpent his Youth in the Service of his Vices, to gratify himſelf; and in the Service of a Faction, that he might have wherewith to ſerve his Vices; he quits his Party when in Diſtreſs, to avoid feeling Diſtreſs himſelf; he finds it impoſſible to obtain the Confidence of the Men at the Helm, and ſo he turns *Patriot*. He declaims againſt all the Follies he purſued; he is an Enemy to Luxury, when he can be no more luxurious; he preaches up Peace and Charity, tho' he practiſes neither; he laughs in private at what, with all the Solemnity in the World, he ſays in publick: In a Word, he appears in a certain venerable Place an aukard Saint, but behind the Curtain, and amongſt Friends, as drole a *Devil* as ever. Is not this an amiable Character? It belongs to nobody: I have only ſketch'd it out to let you ſee, that even ſuch a Bungler as I know the Foible of theſe People? know that when they are ſerious they *Cant*; and that when they humorouſly expoſe the Corruption of the preſent Times, they very ingeniouſly paint out themſelves, expoſe the Power at which they aim, and the very Uſe they would be ſure to make of it.

As to the ſheer Wit the Malecontents are ſo vain of in their *Speeches* and *Papers*, their *Epigrams* and their *Sonnets*, as they are indebted for it to their *common-Place Books*, ſo, if you would take the Pains to make one, there are enow Witticiſms which would *Laſt* under you. If, in Imitation of Prince *Hall*, they ſhould drole on the Fatneſs of your Patron, there's rawbon'd Chief amongſt them on whom you might make Reprifals; and tho' it muſt be confeſſed that all Attempts of this Sort muſt be very low, yet, ſince you are engaged with ſuch People, you muſt fight them at their own Weapons. Contention with the preſent *Patriots*, is like going up the River; you muſt lay in a Stock of Water Language, or reſolve to look like a Fool.

BESIDES, my Friend, if they have their Advantages, you too have your's: There was a Time when low Wit pleaſed better People than Mob; when a Jeſt was not held *Mal a propos* at a Council Table, and when a good Mimick might get the better of a good Miniſter: *Colonel Titus*, with the *Bellows* to repreſent the *Purſe*; another *arch one* making a *Mace* of a *Shovel*; and a third *Buffoon* ſtalking like a *Chancellor* behind, ſent *Clarendon* into Baniſhment, who had reſtored a baniſhed King. A *Patch* upon the *Noſe* with ſome other mimickry of *natural*, and therefore excuſable Imperfections, threw *Arlington* into Diſgrace with the Prince whoſe Diſtreſs he had ſhared. With the ſame Prince, *Buckingham* the moſt vicious, and the moſt whimſical Man of his Age, became firſt Favourite, and Prime Miniſter, a few Months after he had been proclaimed a publick Enemy, his Grace being a much archer Fellow than any of his Enemies; but he loſt himſelf by employing too much of his time in ſeeing others play the Fool, when he ought to have been playing the Fool himſelf, to maintain his Credit with the King. But theſe Times are paſt and gone; *Buffoonry* in *Politicks* is not reliſhed at Court, and therefore the merry *Patriots* are forced to appeal to the *Ladies* in the *Gallery* at one Place, and the *Smarts* in the *Pit* in another, whether ſo much Wit and Spirit as they are Maſters of, do not deſerve the Government of a Nation, as well as the ſole Poſſeſſion of the Theatres, which, in ſpight of *Licencers* they arrogate to themſelves, and Speech is there as briskly, and with as much Propriety, as any where elſe. You ſee, Sir, *Tempora mutantur*. In the Days of *Charles*, Buffoons ſucceeded at *Court*, and *Sterling Wit* ruled the *Stage*; whereas under the preſent Reign, thoſe who are in full Poſſeſſion of their Wits are well received at *St. J——'s*, and thoſe who in the Stile of Mr. *Dryden*, have ſtretched their Faculties till they are allied to madneſs, firſt ruled the Theatre in the *Haymarket*, and are now attempting to Rule, with arbitrary Sway, all the Theatres in the Kingdom.

As I pique myſelf upon dealing fairly, I muſt put you in Mind of one thing; which is, that if you ſhould attempt the comick Strain without Succeſs, you muſt not be down in the Mouth, or pretend to forſwear Joking again; you muſt know that the Laugh is ſeldom of the right Side; nay, Applauſe of all Sorts is uſually given to thoſe who are in the wrong. In the Univerſities the Opponent is always heard with moſt Favour, and the *Profeſſor* of *Eloquence* never draws half as much Attention as the *Terræ Filius*. Atheiſtical Books are ten times as dear as ſound Divinity, and *Mauſius's* Dialogues have outſold *Cicero's*; *Lucian's* true Hiſtory, without a Word of Truth in it, is to a Wit a thouſand times better than *Thucidides*: So that on the Whole, if you ſhould be beat, you will loſe no Honour; whereas if you conquer, you will get a great deal.

BUT if after all, Mr. *Freeman*, you are determined not to go out of your old Road, if you will needs talk in theſe *giddy Times*, in the Language which would have better ſuited the Days of our *ſober* Anceſtors, do me the favour to admit me for your *Second*. I proteſt to you, I have not the leaſt Apprehenſion of that *Goliah* in Raillery, the ſtanding Author of *Common Senſe*. If he ſhould take it in his Head to introduce a *Legion* of *leaden Writers*, as he once propoſed a *woaxen Standing Army*, I ſhould only Laugh, tho' he put me at their Head. If his Correſpondents deal in Allegory, I fancy I ſhall be able to furniſh you with ſome of the ſame Ware. On the other hand, if Mr. *D'Anvers dreams*, I can *dream* too; and tho' it might be too bold a Preſumption to talk of writing like *Homer*, yet to *nod* like *Homer*, I hope may be allowed to a Man of moderate Abilities. Then for occaſional *Diſticks* out of *Hudibras*, a Speech well applied from *Shakſpear*, or a detached *Character* from *Denham's Advice* to a *Painter*, I have a younger Brother a mighty lover of *Verſe*, tho' he never made one, who can furniſh me upon Occaſion, as well as any *Letter Writer* in the Service of the *Craftſman*, without making my *Printer* pay for it ſo dear as his is like to do.

I foreſee, indeed, one Objection to this Propoſal, viz. That theſe ſharpeners may impute my *Writings* to *you*, and aſſert, that you have recourſe to the old *Art* of writing Epiſtles to yourſelf: But be not afraid, Sir, to give any Weight to ſuch an Aſſertion: They muſt lay down Rules for judging by the *Stile* of an *Epiſtle*, whether it comes from another or the Man himſelf. Should they do this, it would turn upon themſelves, and you may be ſure, that to defame your Correſpondents, they will not ſubject their own to ſuſpicion; that would be ſuffering their Wit to injure their Intereſt, which I am perſuaded none of their *Writers* will do, tho' ſome of their *Speech-makers* have been ſo much aſhamed of their own Performances on peruſal, as to endeavour to ſhift them upon others, tho' 'tis well known, that their Secretaries are of the ſame Stamp with themſelves, and have done their *Dullneſs* all the Juſtice in their Power. Act coolly in this Affair, and either reſolve to write *Indirectly* yourſelf, or admit the *Aid* as well as the *Advice* of a *Friend*, who is ever ready to ſerve you,

B. BANTER.

HOME PORTS.

Dartmouth, *April* 16. The 14th at Night ſailed the Martha, Bond; and Yeſterday the Mary, Holdſworth; the Marcella, Sommers; the Prince William, Hoyle; and the Eagle, Teague, all from this Place for Newfoundland; the Algarve for London, Olding, from Faro, ſailed Yeſterday, but is come back again as this Day. Wind hard at N. E

Southampton, *April* 17. Since my laſt arrived the St. Francis of St. Malo, Mathurin, from Cherburg; the Charming Molly of Southampton, Oliver, from Malaga; the Two Friends of Southampton, Mourant, from Guernſey; the Clement of London, Taylor, from Rotterdam; the Coronation of Pool, Thombs, from Hamburgh; the Norway Bear, of and from Frederickſhall, Thomaſin. Sailed the Mary, of and for Jerſey, Ballain.

Cowes, *April* 17. On the 13th ſailed the Penelope, Dagg, and the Charming Betty, Staple, from Bremen; and the Davie, White, for Amſterdam, all from Carolina.

Deal, *April* 18. Wind S. by E. The Lydia, Spilman is ſailed. Remains the Hannah, Kilpatrick, for Orders. Arrived the Mermaid, Simonds, from Leghorn for Hamburg; the Swan, Cobb, from Genoa; and the Robert, King, from Cette.

LONDON.

Laſt Thurſday was held the General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace and Gaol Delivery for the Liberty of St. Alban's in the County of Hertford, at which a great Number of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Liberty were preſent, and an excellent Charge was then given to the Grand Jury and Conſtables Jury by Joſhua Pembroke, Eſq; Chairman, wherein he exhorted them to employ their utmoſt Care and Diligence to carry into Execution the Laws againſt the Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, obſerving to them the pernicious Effects that attended the Drinking to an exceſſive Degree, Geneva and ſtrong Waters, amongſt the People of inferior Rank, by unfitting them for uſeful Labour and Service, debauching their Manners, driving them into Exceſs and Wickedneſs, to the great Burden and inſupportable Charge of the Pariſhes to which they belonged. At which Seſſions was read the Letter from his Majeſty's moſt Hon. Privy Council, to the Right Hon. William Earl of Eſſex, Cuſtos Rotulorum of the ſaid Liberty, and his Lordſhip's Letter to the Juſtices, to require and preſs them with Vigour (in Obedience to his Majeſty's Royal Intentions for putting in Execution the Laws againſt Spirituous Liquors and Riots) to meet, conſult, and in the moſt effectual Manner to uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to carry the ſaid Acts into Execution; and thereupon the Juſtices came to an unanimous Reſolution to appoint Meetings in their ſeveral Diviſions, and with vigour to take ſuch Meaſures as ſhall moſt effectually anſwer the End of his Majeſty's Royal Intentions.

At

At the same Sessions Edward Clarke, a notorious Robber of Hearoofs, was tried, convicted, and sentenced to be transported.

On Monday Night last Barnaby Brady was brought before Nathaniel Blackerby, Esq; the Chairman of the Sessions for the City and Liberty of Westminster, for selling Spirituous Liquors in less Quantity than two Gallons in unentered Places, contrary to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided, who immediately gave Notice to the Justices of it, pursuant to their Resolution of the 10th Day of April Instant, and to the several Constables to attend in about an Hour's time after; the said Barnaby Brady was convicted before the Chairman and three other Justices, after a full Hearing, and for Non-payment of the Ten Pounds Penalty, he was committed to the House of Correction in Tothill-fields for two Months to hard Labour.

And Yesterday about 4 o'Clock Elizabeth Boulton was brought before the Chairman for the aforesaid Offence, the Justices were convened in like manner, and after a full Hearing she was acquitted.

Yesterday being the first Day of Easter Term, the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice of England, his Honour the Master of the Rolls, and the rest of the Judges, went in the usual State to Westminster Hall, and several Prisoners who stood bound over, appeared at the Court of King's Bench on their Recognizances, and were further continued.

Yesterday Morning died suddenly at his House in New Tothill Street, Westminster, Mr. Abbot, Collector of the Chelsea Water-Works; his Place which is worth 100 l. per Annum is in the Gift of the Governors of the said Water-Works.

George Mittford of Grosvenor's-street, Esq; is appointed one of the Six Clerks in Chancery, in the room of Thomas Drury, Esq; who hath resigned.

Last Sunday John Morgan, Esq; an Ensign in the Regiment of Foot, lately commanded by Lieutenant General Sutton, kiss'd his Majesty's Hand, on his being appointed a Lieutenant in the Regiment of Horse commanded by Lieutenant General Evans.

Yesterday the Right Hon. the Earl of Hyndford, one of the 16 Peers of Scotland, lay very ill at his House in Cleveland Court, St. James's.

The same Day William Aisleby, Esq; took the Oaths in the Court of King's Bench, Westminster, to enable him to hold the Place of one of the Auditors of his Majesty's Imprest.

Tuesday Night Justice Fraizer of York Buildings, committed William Shores and Thomas Wignal, to the Gatehouse, Westminster, for stealing ten Pieces of Holland Handkerchiefs out of the Shop of Mr. Stables, a Haberdasher of Small Wares, in St. James's Street.

This Day the Lord Bishop of London will hold a General Confirmation at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's for the following Parishes, viz. St. Anne Aldersgate, St John Zachary, St. Anne Black Fryars, St. Andrew Wardrobe, Christ Church, St. Leonard Foster-Lane, St. Ethelburg, St. Helen, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Mary Magdalen Milk-street, St. Margaret Loathbury, St. Martin Outwich, St. Mary Abchurch, St. Mary Woolnorth, St Matthew Friday-street, St Peter Cheap, St. Michael Bassishaw, St. Michael Queenhith and the Holy Trinity, St. Michael Wood-street, St. Mary Stayning, St Mildred Bread-street, St Margaret Moles, St. Mildred Poultry, St. Mary Cole Church, St. Nicholas Cole Abby, St. Nicholas Olaves, St. Peter Cornhill, St. Peter Poor, St. Stephen Coleman-street, St Swithin, and St. Thomas the Apostle.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint James Mackdoniall, Esq; to be Ensign in the third Regiment of Foot Guards, in the room of Ensign Geville, deceased.

And also to appoint —— Moor, Esq; to be Ensign in the second Regiment of Foot Guards, in the room of Ensign Lamb, deceased.

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